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In Re Application of: James P. Elia)
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Group Art Unit: 1646

Examiner: Elizabeth Kemmerer

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MAIL STOP NON-FEE AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

This Amendment is filed in response to the outstanding Office Action dated October 23, 2006.

Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, to prosecute the claims of the Group I invention; namely, claims 159, 160-167, 188-191, and 192-199, drawn to a method of treating arthritis comprising administering cells.

An early action on the merits of the elected invention is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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